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ALLOTMENT OF SCARCE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to allocate scarce electromagnetic spectrum to mobile companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there will be a loss of over Rs. 10,000 crore to public exchequer, if any, deviation made to existing rule for allotment of the above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) The initial spectrum is allotted to the mobile telecom operators in accordance with the relevant provisions of their Service License Agreement. With growth of service and increased subscriber base, additional spectrum is allotted, taking into account the subscriber based eligibility criteria, justification and subject to availability of spectrum in a telecom service area.

(c) & (d) A Committee has been setup to recommend the revised subscriber based spectrum allocation criteria for allotment of 2G Spectrum. However, the matter is sub-judice in Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).